



STATE OF MAINE
COMMISSION ON GOVERNMENTAL ETHICS
AND ELECTION PRACTICES
135 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE
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AGENDA

Special Meeting of September 13, 2002

10:00 a.m., Commission Offices, 242 State Street, Augusta, Maine

ROUTINE BUSINESS

None.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Request by Mr. William C. Collins, Candidate, House District #27: Mr. Collins has requested the Commission to consider the Maine Clean Election Act's matching funds provisions. Section 6 of the Commission's rules governs the distribution of matching funds and the impact of the timing of expenditures by both certified and nonparticipating opponents. The Commission previously has held that obligations incurred and reported as expenditures are to be computed toward matching funds based upon the date the expenditure is reported as having been made, not the date the benefit is received. Therefore, an expenditure (obligation) made on a pre-primary election dated is credited toward matching funds in the primary election, even though the candidate may not receive the benefit of the expenditure until a date during the general election period. However, since the expenditure actually benefits the candidate in the general election, Mr. Collins proposes that matching funds should be computed for the general election instead of the primary election period during which the expenditure is reported as having been made. Thomas C. Bradley, Esq., of the Maine Citizen Leadership Fund has submitted supporting correspondence and requested the opportunity to address the Commission on the subject.

2. Commission Nomination: The Governor's Office has informed the Commission that on September 11, 2002, the Governor nominated Mr. Terrence J. MacTaggart of Hampden to be a Member of the Commission. The nomination is subject to review by the Joint Standing Committee on Legal and Veterans' Affairs and confirmation by the Legislature. If confirmed, Mr. MacTaggart's term of service would expire in 2003.

ADJOURNMENT



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